

## Message Text

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ACTION OC-06

INFO OCT-01 CCO-00 SY-05 ISO-00 /012 W  
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R 180527Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2889

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 1006

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION SECURITY VIOLATION - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

REF: PORT MORESBY 0328

PURSUANT TO 5 FAM 965(B), THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY WELLINGTON'S  
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT REGARDING REFTEL:

1. THE CLEAR TRANSMISSION OF WELLINGTON'S 924 TO PORT MORESBY  
BY CANBERRA WILL HAVE AT THE WORST MINIMAL EFFECT ON U.S.  
NATIONAL SECURITY AND AT THE BEST NO IMPACT.

2. THE FACTS (A) THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN IS AN AREA OF  
SECURITY CONCERN FOR NEW ZEALAND, (B) THAT PRIME MINISTER  
MULDOON HAS IDENTIFIED IT AS SUCH, AND (C) THAT MULDOON  
HAS USED THE SOVIET NAVAL BUILD-UP AS JUSTIFICATION FOR  
BEEFING UP NEW ZEALAND'S NATIONALDEFENSE FORCES ARE ALL  
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. WELLINGTON'S 924, HOWEVER, LENDS OFFICIAL  
CREDIBILITY, INDEED, IT CONFIRMS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
HAS NOT CONSULTED ITS ALLY, NEW ZEALAND, IN A MATTER OF  
MUTUAL SECURITY INTEREST. SUCH INFORMATION COULD BE USEFUL  
TO ENEMIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND, CONCEIVABLY, PREJUDICIAL  
TO U.S./N.Z. FOREIGN RELATIONS.  
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